

Remarks

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of the claims, in view of the amendment herein, is respectfully requested. The amendment to claim 28 is intended to advance the application and is not intended to concede to the correctness of the Examiner's position or to prejudice the prosecution of the claims prior to amendment, which claims are present in an application related to the above-identified application. Claims 17-19, 28 and 32-40 are pending in this application.

The Examiner rejected claims 17-19, 28 and 32-40 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. The amendment to claim 28 obviates this rejection. Therefore, withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, rejection is appropriate and is respectfully requested.

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6959 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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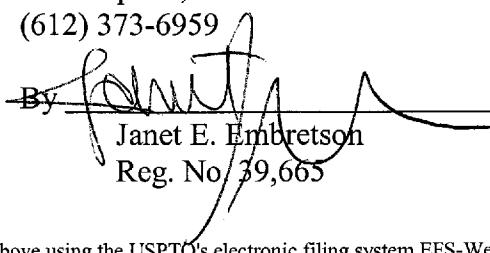
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